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2nd ACR graduates 1st ICDC Class at Camp Muleskinner

By Capt. Sean P Kirley, 2nd ACR Regimental PAO

BAGHDAD, Iraq -- The Iraq Civil Defense Corps Academy at Camp Muleskinner graduated its first class of guardsmen Jan. 9 on Redcatcher Field.

The ICDC School, run by noncommissioned officers and soldiers from the 2nd Armored Cavalry Regiment and 2nd Battalion, 37th Armor Battalion, 1st Armored Division, puts newly recruited individuals through a rigorous six-day course.

The new ICDC recruits eat, sleep, and train on the academy grounds, staying fully immersed in the military environment under the watchful eyes of the cadre. The workday begins at 4 a.m. for the students and usually does not wind down until about 10 p.m.

For the cadre, hours are more strenuous, starting at 3:30 a.m. and ending at 1 a.m. daily.

During the 140 hours spent at the ICDC Academy, the students learned a myriad of tasks -- from basic rifle marksmanship to traffic control point operations.

The new students arrived to the camp wide-eyed and full of anxiety. As they received their uniforms, one could clearly see the seeds of pride being sown.

Brand new AK-47 assault rifles, still with plastic covers on them, were issued to each student.

Smiles and excited words were exchanged by the new ICDC recruits about how they looked with their new uniforms on.

It seemed that a party was going to ensue at any moment, until the cadre came out and "introduced" themselves to the students. It was made very clear at that point, through highly amplified words echoed to the students by an interpreter that the celebration would come on graduation day, when the long week of training and mentoring was complete.

Until then, the orders came from the cadre, the grounds would be kept clean, and everyone would keep quiet and listen to the blocks of instruction.

There were no questions. The party was over.

The first day of classes, which covered legal advice and regulations, was taught by Capt. Patrick Parson the Regiment's Judge Advocate General officer.

The second day consisted of basic first aid and life saving skills.

One of the trainers asked how many students had seen a gun shot wound at some time in the past. Almost every hand went up.

During the first two days of training, drill and ceremony was stressed very heavily. The students were introduced to calling cadence, executing orders while marching and keeping in step.

As the week progressed, the cadence calling was turned over to the students.

During basic rifle marksmanship training, the students were taught how to load, charge, fire, and clear their weapons. The students went through a myriad of firing stances -- standing to prone. They went through a series of scenarios: reacting to direct fire and traffic control points.

The evening of their last class day was spent



Guardsmen from the 2nd Armored Cavalry Regiment's first Iraqi Civil Defense Corps class march to Redcatcher Field on Camp Muleskinner during their graduation ceremony Jan. 9.

practicing for the big day: graduation.

With Brig. Gen. Mark Hertling, assistant division commander for support, Col. Bradley May, 2nd ACR commander and Lt. Col. John Curran, Regimental Support Squadron commander, observing, the students marched onto the field.

With minimal time to practice the ceremony, the platoons marched past the reviewing stand with precision.

They were proud of themselves, what they had accomplished, and what they will accomplish.

"We have worked with these guys up in Sadr City before this. We had a good feel for what they can do well and what we have to work on at the Academy," said Staff Sgt. Shannon Doucet, 4th Platoon sergeant. "These guys are the future of Iraq."

Doucet will take this platoon back to 2nd Squadron, 2nd ACR, where they will provide a safe and secure environment for the 2 million people of Sadr City, located in the northeast section of Baghdad.

The ICDC Academy is driven predominately by junior noncommissioned officers like Sgt. Rafael Arias, who was assigned as 3rd squad leader of 4th platoon.

Pvt. Brandon Ritter was also assigned a squad at the academy, proving that even our youngest, least experienced soldiers are awesome leaders. The ICDC Academy Commander is Capt. Mike Gautreaux and the noncommissioned officer in charge is Mater Sgt. Johnny Mackenzie.

With the graduation ceremony at an end, the new ICDC soldiers celebrated.

One platoon lifted one of their trainers, Sgt. Danny Hill, unto their shoulders, shouting "Thank you, thank you Sgt. Hill!"

They were feeling like soldiers, looking like soldiers. But most importantly, after six days of training, they were acting like soldiers.

The Old Ironsides Report

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News...

Bush Allows Canada to Bid on Iraq Deals

MONTERREY, Mexico (AP) - President Bush, seeking to mend relations with America's northern neighbor, said Tuesday that Canada will be eligible for a second round of U.S.-financed reconstruction contracts in Iraq.

In a breakfast meeting with new Canadian Prime Minister Paul Martin, Bush said he had told Martin of the shift in policy. Martin "understands the stakes" in rebuilding a free and peaceful Iraq, Bush said. He offered no details of what the contracts would be worth.

Court OKs Roadblocks to Hunt Criminals

WASHINGTON (AP) - The Supreme Court, in a case watched anxiously by law enforcement agencies across America, held Tuesday that police may set up roadblocks to collect tips about unsolved crimes.

In a 6-3 decision, the justices found roadblocks seeking such information do not violate the privacy rights of motorists.

Court-Martial for Translator to Open

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) - While some of the most serious charges against the Arabic translator accused of spying at the Guantanamo Bay have been dropped, he still faces court-martial for charges including espionage counts.

Proceedings against Senior Airman Ahmad I. al-Halabi were scheduled to begin Tuesday morning at Travis Air Force Base, military officials said.

U.S. Copter Shot Down in Iraq; Crew Safe

FALLUJAH, Iraq (AP) - An Army Apache attack helicopter was shot down Tuesday, the third downed in less than two weeks, though the crew escaped unharmed.

Witnesses said Tuesday that U.S. troops killed four civilians in two incidents in which soldiers opened fire wildly after coming under attack. In the volatile town of Fallujah, north of the capital, hundreds of Iraqis protested in the streets, shouting "Bush, you coward!" after U.S. troops detained a young woman while searching for a Saddam Hussein loyalist. The woman, whose relatives acknowledged was handled only by female soldiers, was released after several hours questioning.

SAFETY TIP

SEAT BELTS

THEY ARE NOT A LUXURY, THEY ARE
REQUIRED BY REGULATION

NO EXCEPTIONS,

ALL SOLDIERS WILL WEAR A SEAT BELT,
EVEN IN A TACTICAL VEHICLE.

Sports...

Cubs reach deal with rooftop owners

By H. GREGORY MEYER, Chicago Tribune

CHICAGO - The Chicago Cubs and owners of rooftop grandstands overlooking Wrigley Field have agreed on a settlement that would require the owners to pay the team millions of dollars annually, officials said Sunday.

The 20-year agreement, which could take effect this season, calls for the owners of 11 buildings to give the Cubs 17 percent of their gross revenue. With an estimated 1,700 seats on the rooftops, it could cost owners more than \$2 million a year.

Owners of two of the 13 rooftop buildings did not join the agreement and plan to take the issue to trial.

The Cubs sued the owners in December 2002 after talks on the team's bleacher-expansion plan broke down. The suit, filed in U.S. District Court in Chicago, accused the owners of stealing the team's product, copyright infringement and unjust enrichment at the Cubs' expense. The agreement awaits the parties' signatures and court approval, sources said.

The Cubs' deal does not affect the team's longstanding desire to add about 2,000 bleacher seats, though a source close to the rooftop owners' side argued that by taking a healthy cut on each seat, the team is getting a de-facto expansion.

Another source close to negotiations said: "It's an amazing deal for the Cubs. They are just handed \$2 million for doing nothing."

If the bleachers are expanded in the next eight years, Tunney said the deal would require the Cubs to compensate rooftop owners whose views are obstructed.

Owners of buildings on Waveland Ave. and N. Sheffield Ave., have not agreed to the settlement, but their willingness to go to trial should not threaten the deal, sources said.

Among the points of the deal still being ironed out is a joint marketing agreement between the Cubs and rooftop owners. It could include "showing us on TV like they used to, when Harry Caray was around," said one source close to rooftop owners. "The cameramen were instructed not to show the rooftops in the last couple of years when the dispute got more heated." Also, said one rooftop source, the Cubs have agreed not to install windscreens blocking rooftop views as they did during the 2002 season.

Lawyers for the Cubs declined to comment, citing a judge's order.

There are other key concerns unresolved, such as whether the team should be required to devote more money to fighting litter and reducing traffic congestion.

The Cubs had initially offered to increase funding such "neighborhood protection" services in return for approval of an ordinance authorizing an additional 12 night games, but that plan has stalled at City Hall.

Lawyers for the two sides reached the rooftop deal in the courtroom of U.S. Magistrate Judge Sidney Schenkier.

The owners first proposed collectively paying the Cubs \$300,000 a year for 50 years, and the team's first counter-offer was 20 percent of rooftop revenue annually over 10 years.

Twelve hours later and two rooftop owners fewer, negotiators reached the agreement.

Chaplain's thought for the day...

Confidence

You gain strength, experience and confidence by every experience where you really stop to look fear in the face. You must do the thing you cannot do.

--Eleanor Roosevelt

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As of: Tuesday, January 13, 2004 7:22:35 PM

Start Time	SPORTS	ATLANTIC	SPECTRUM	PACIFIC	NEWS	Start Time
00:00			THE QUIET MAN	TODAY		00:00
00:15		HEADLINE NEWS				00:15
00:30					NAVY/MARINE CORP NEWS - PROD YEAR	00:30
00:45		TONIGHT SHOW WITH JAY LENO				00:45
01:00	AROUND THE HORN				LESTER HOLT LIVE	01:00
01:30	PARDON THE INTERRUPTION					01:30
01:45		THE LATE SHOW WITH DAVID LETTERMAN				01:45
02:00	SPORTSCENTER			SESAME STREET	HEADLINE NEWS	02:00
02:30			EBERT & ROEPER AT THE MOVIES		NBC NIGHTLY NEWS	02:30
02:45		ESPNEWS				02:45
03:00	COLLEGE BASKETBALL - BIG TEN: IOWA @ MINNESOTA	ROMY AND MICHELE'S HIGH SCHOOL REUNION	ROCKET POWER : - SECRET SPOT	BOB THE BUILDER	ABC WORLD NEWS TONIGHT	03:00
03:30			SPONGEBOB SQUAREPANTS : - CHOCOLATE WITH NUTS/ MERMAID MAN AND BARNACLE BOY 5	WHEEL OF FORTUNE	CBS EVENING NEWS	03:30
04:00			THE SIMPSONS : - THE OLD MAN AND THE KEY	THE DR. PHIL SHOW	THE NEWSHOUR	04:00
04:30			THE COSBY SHOW : - BREAKING WITH TRADITION			04:30
04:45		THE PRINCESS DIARIES				04:45
05:00	COLLEGE BASKETBALL - SEC: KENTUCKY @ MISSISSIPPI STATE		THE SHIP : - EPISODE 3	THE OPRAH WINFREY SHOW	HANNITY & COLMES	05:00
06:00			THE SHIP : - EPISODE 4	NBC NIGHTLY NEWS	CNBC: THE NEWS	06:00
06:30			ON THE AIR...OVER THERE - PART 1: THE ROAD TO BERLIN: 1943-1945	JUDGE JUDY		06:30
07:00	SPORTSCENTER	HEADLINE NEWS		ACCESS HOLLYWOOD	BET NIGHTLY NEWS	07:00
07:25				GUIDING LIGHT		07:25
07:30		ESPNEWS	LEGENDS OF AIRPOWER - JIMMY STEWART		NIGHTLY BUSINESS REPORT	07:30
08:00	MOTORCYCLE RACING - FIM: SPEEDWAY GRAND PRIX (POLAND)	HEADLINE NEWS	SUICIDE MISSIONS : - U-BOATS		LARRY KING LIVE	08:00
08:13				GENERAL HOSPITAL		08:13
08:30		HEADLINE NEWS				08:30
09:00	NFL TOTAL ACCESS	SESAME STREET	POINT OF NO RETURN	BABY LOONEY TUNES : - A LOT LIKE LOLA	NEWSNIGHT WITH AARON BROWN	09:00
09:30				THE ADVENTURES OF JIMMY NEUTRON, BOY GENIUS : - BROBOT/THE BIG PUNCH		09:30
10:00	SPORTSCENTER	BOB THE BUILDER		A WALK IN YOUR SHOES	PAULA ZAHN NOW	10:00
10:30		WHEEL OF FORTUNE		LIBERTY'S KIDS (EPS 14-26)		10:30
11:00	NHL - ST. LOUIS BLUES @ MONTREAL CANADIENS	THE DR. PHIL SHOW	ROCKET POWER : - SECRET SPOT	JEOPARDY!	NIGHTLINE	11:00
11:30			SPONGEBOB SQUAREPANTS : - CHOCOLATE WITH NUTS/ MERMAID MAN AND BARNACLE BOY 5	HEADLINE NEWS	YOUR CORPS	11:30
11:46		THE OPRAH WINFREY SHOW				11:46
11:52				PACIFIC REPORT		11:52
12:00			THE SIMPSONS : - THE OLD MAN AND THE KEY	ESPNEWS	HARDBALL WITH CHRIS MATTHEWS	12:00
12:30			THE COSBY SHOW : - BREAKING WITH TRADITION	HEADLINE NEWS		12:30
12:35		GUIDING LIGHT				12:35
12:52				PACIFIC REPORT		12:52
13:00			THE SHIP : - EPISODE 3	THE PARKERS : - LOVE POTION NO. 83	THE O'REILLY FACTOR	13:00
13:17		GENERAL HOSPITAL				13:17
13:30	SPORTSCENTER			THE PARKERS : - SOMEBODY'S WATCHING YOU		13:30
14:00		HEADLINE NEWS	THE SHIP : - EPISODE 4	EXTREME MAKEOVER	CNN DAYBREAK	14:00
14:30	NBA FASTBREAK	JUDGE JUDY				14:30
15:00	COLLEGE BASKETBALL - BIG XII: WAKE FOREST @ TEXAS	TODAY	ON THE AIR...OVER THERE - PART 1: THE ROAD TO BERLIN: 1943-1945	THE OC : - THE DEBUT	GOOD MORNING AMERICA	15:00
15:30			LEGENDS OF AIRPOWER - JIMMY STEWART			15:30
16:00			SUICIDE MISSIONS : - U-BOATS	HEADLINE NEWS		16:00
16:22				PACIFIC REPORT		16:22
16:30				TONIGHT SHOW WITH JAY LENO		16:30
17:00	SPORTSCENTER	BABY LOONEY TUNES : - A LOT LIKE LOLA	POINT OF NO RETURN		HEADLINE NEWS	17:00
17:30		THE ADVENTURES OF JIMMY NEUTRON, BOY GENIUS : - BROBOT/THE BIG PUNCH		THE LATE SHOW WITH DAVID LETTERMAN	CHANNEL ONE	17:30
17:45					ABC WORLD NEWS THIS MORNING	17:45
18:00	BEYOND THE GLORY	A WALK IN YOUR SHOES			THE EARLY SHOW	18:00
18:30		LIBERTY'S KIDS (EPS 14-26)		ACCESS HOLLYWOOD		18:30
19:00	SPORTSCENTER	JEOPARDY!	ROCKET POWER : - SECRET SPOT	TREMORS		19:00
19:30		HEADLINE NEWS	SPONGEBOB SQUAREPANTS : - CHOCOLATE WITH NUTS/ MERMAID MAN AND BARNACLE BOY 5			19:30
20:00	NBA FASTBREAK	ESPNEWS	THE SIMPSONS : - THE OLD MAN AND THE KEY		FOX NEWS LIVE	20:00
20:30	COLLEGE GAMENIGHT	HEADLINE NEWS	THE COSBY SHOW : - BREAKING WITH TRADITION			20:30
20:45				RIISING SUN		20:45
21:00	SPORTSCENTER	THE PARKERS : - LOVE POTION NO. 83	THE SHIP : - EPISODE 3		FOX NEWS LIVE	21:00
21:30		THE PARKERS : - SOMEBODY'S WATCHING YOU				21:30
22:00	USA HOCKEY - 2004 INTERNATIONAL ICE HOCKEY WORLD JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP: USA VS CANADA	EXTREME MAKEOVER	THE SHIP : - EPISODE 4		FOX NEWS LIVE	22:00
23:00		THE OC : - THE DEBUT	ON THE AIR...OVER THERE - PART 1: THE ROAD TO BERLIN: 1943-1945	ESPNEWS	HEADLINE NEWS	23:00
23:30			LEGENDS OF AIRPOWER - JIMMY STEWART	HEADLINE NEWS	INSIDE POLITICS	23:30

Today in history... Jan. 14, 1784

Treaty of Paris Ratified

(Library of Congress) The Continental Congress ratified the Treaty of Paris on **January 14, 1784**, officially establishing the United States as an independent and sovereign nation. The Continental Congress approved preliminary articles of peace on April 15, 1783. The treaty, signed in Paris on September 3, 1783, required Congress to return the ratified document to England within six months.

Although scheduled to convene at the Maryland State House in November, as late as January 12 only seven of the thirteen states had legal representatives at the ratifying convention. Operating under the weak Articles of Confederation, Congress lacked power to enforce attendance at the convention. With the journey to England requiring approximately two months, time was running short.

Delegates continued to trickle in. Connecticut representatives presented their credentials to Congress on January 13, leaving the convention one delegate shy of the quorum. Richard Beresford of South Carolina left his sickbed in Philadelphia for Annapolis, and, after his arrival, the vote was taken.

The Treaty of Paris granted the United States territory as far west as the Mississippi River, but reserved Canada to Great Britain. Fisheries in Newfoundland remained available to Americans and navigation of the Mississippi River was open to both parties. Congress promised to recommend states return confiscated loyalist property, but they had no power to enforce this demand. Creditors in both countries were free to pursue collection of debts.



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